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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/813,495	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ROTHERMEL ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Varsha A. Kapadia	<b>Art Unit</b> 2627	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 14-18 and 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-13 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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This office action is responsive to the amendment filed on July 5, 2006.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103**

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 12-13 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dugas et al (2005/0168869) in view of Matsuzawa (4,839,763).

With regards to claims 12-13, Dugas et al disclose a servo writing apparatus comprising: a first servo write head comprising first gap (see fig. 2 element 22 and disclosure thereof); a second servo write head comprising one or more second write gaps (see fig. 2 element 22' and disclosure thereof) arranged to define time-based servo pattern (see paragraphs [036]-[0038]; wherein Dugas also disclose that the first gap and the second gap define servo channel corresponding to servo band; and the first and second write gaps are aligned in the servo channel within 10 micrometer as claimed). Dugas et al also disclose a mounting structure where heads are mounted in the mounting structure (see fig. 2).

Dugas et al fails to specify that the single core defines a first servo write head and a second servo write head as claimed.

Matsuzawa, however, disclose a single core that defines a first and a second head (see abstract, figs. 5a-13 disclosure thereof, abstract and col. 7 line 35 to col. 8 line 58).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time this invention was made to modify the servo writing apparatus disclosed by Dugas et al with the above teaching

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from Matsuzawa to provide a single core that define a first and second servo heads to establish alignment of two tracks, and eliminate the breakage or chipping of the track, as taught by Mitsuzawa.

With regards to claim 19, Dugas et al disclose that the first and second servo write head comprise a surface thin film and that the first and second write gaps are formed in the surface thin film (see paragraph [0028]-[0030] figs. 10-11 and disclosure thereof).

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1-11, 14-18 and 20 are allowed.

Applicant's claimed invention differs from the prior art of record by specifically reciting an apparatus including an alignment tool that translates and rotates the first and second servo write heads to substantially align the first write gap and the second write gaps in the servo channel to within less than 10 micrometer.

#### **Response to Remarks**

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 12-13 and 19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

#### **Conclusion**

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

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the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Varsha A. Kapadia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7557. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon Tue and Thurs. from 6:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea Wellington can be reached on 571 272 4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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